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Explosion Levels Md. Strip Mall

AFTER THE BLAST: Prince George's County firefighter Grady Stewart surveys the scene of a massive gas explosion at a strip mall in District Heights, Md., on Thursday. The Prince George's County blast seriously injured five firefighters and a gas company employee but left no known fatalities. "I thought a bomb had dropped," said Felicia Price, who works at a nearby fabric store.

10 Banks In Need Of \$75B

Stress tests show financial institutions remain vulnerable

NEW YORK | The government's long-awaited "stress-test" results have found that 10 of the nation's 19 largest banks need a total of about \$75 billion in new capital to withstand losses if the recession worsens.

The Federal Reserve's findings, released Thursday, show the financial system, like the overall economy, is healing but not yet healed. Some of the largest banks are stable, the tests found. But others need billions more in capital — a signal by regulators that the industry is vulnerable but viable. Government officials have said a stronger banking system is needed for an economic rebound.

Officials hope the tests will restore investors' confidence that not all banks are weak, and that even those that are can be strengthened.

The banks that need more capital will have until June 8 to develop a plan and have it approved by regulators. Among the banks that need to raise more capital, the tests showed Bank of America Corp. needs by far the most: \$33.9 billion. Wells Fargo & Co. requires \$13.7 billion, GMAC LLC \$11.5 billion and Citigroup Inc. \$5.5 billion. (AP)



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OPPORTUNITIES

Greeting Card Industry Hits Itself

Thursday's date, 5/7/09, is one of only six this century that features three consecutive odd numbers. Number lovers say the rare occurrence is an excuse to celebrate. "The previous stretch of six dates like this started with 1/3/1905 — 13 months after the Wright brothers' flight," said Ron Gordon, a Redwood City, Calif., teacher who promotes numerical holidays. (AP)



UNCARING

Neighbors Win Apathy Award

Robbers near Athens, Greece, lifted a prefabricated home off its foundation and stole it. Police said the owner went to visit his 750-square-foot vacation home Monday and discovered it was missing, along with its contents. Police said Wednesday they think the thieves used a crane to load the structure onto a trailer. They have been unable to locate the building. (AP)



CHEESE

The Strong Smell of Success

Hundreds of people made their way to Stilton High Street in Stilton, England, on Monday to watch competitors roll a block of rounded wood down the street. (Yes, wood. Cheese is the prize, not what's being rolled.) The Stilton Cheese Rolling Championship has become an annual event in the village, and this year is its 50th anniversary. Flashy costumes, such as the Vikings' above, were encouraged. (EXPRESS)



CRITTERS

Only Way This Could Be More Redneck Is If They Ate It

A woman is suing a Wal-Mart store over an encounter with a rodent. Rebecca White says in her lawsuit that employees at the Abbeville, La., store let a rat-tailed rodent known as a nutria run loose. She says that not only did employees know it was in the store, but they named it Norman. White says she was pushing a cart down an aisle in October when the nutria ran out from behind a rack. She says she pulled the cart backward and hurt her back and foot. (AP)

INGREDIENTS

"I stopped eating. I told my girlfriend, "I think this is a head."

— JACK PENDLETON, WHO FOUND A SNAKE HEAD IN HIS BROCCOLI AT A CLIFTON PARK, N.Y., T.G.I. FRIDAY'S.

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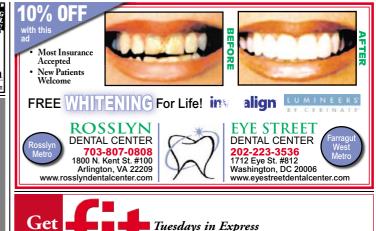
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University Imposes Lockdown

Wesleyan U. in Conn. closes after student is killed at bookstore

MIDDLETOWN, CONN. | Wesleyan University students were told to stay in their dorms, and the city's



Morgan

closed Thursday as police warned that the man wanted in the shooting death of a woman at a bookstore may be bent on kill-

only synagogue

ing other students and ${\it Jews.}$

Police and administrators locked down the 3,000-student campus and stepped up patrols as authorities hunted for the killer.

Johanna Justin-Jinich, a 21-year-old Wesleyan student, was shot several times Wednesday inside a bookstore cafe just off campus. Two years ago, she complained to police that the suspect, Stephen P. Morgan, had stalked and threatened her.

University officials said police told them the suspect made threats in his journals toward Wesleyan and its Jewish students. (AP)

Was Swine Flu Crisis Overblown?

Some people affected by the outbreak think officials went too far

CHICAGO | Did government health officials "cry swine" when they sounded the alarm on what looked like a threatening new flu?

The so-far mild swine flu outbreak has many people saying all the talk about a devastating global epidemic was just fearmongering hype. But that's not how public health officials see it, calling complacency the thing that keeps them up at night.

The World Health Organization added a scary-sounding warning Thursday, predicting up to 2 billion people could catch the new flu if the outbreak turns into a global epidemic.

Many blame such alarms and the breathless media coverage for creating an overreaction that disrupted many people's lives.

Schools shut down, idling even healthy kids and forcing parents to stay home from work; colleges scaled back or even canceled graduation ceremonies; a big Cinco de



Elementary school students ride their bikes on Monday in Fountain Valley, Calif., after their school was closed for swine flu.

Mayo celebration in Chicago was canned; face masks and hand sanitizers sold out — all because of an outbreak that seems no worse than a mild flu season.

"I don't know anyone who has it. I haven't met anyone who knows anyone who contracted it," said Carl Shepherd, a suburban Chicago video producer and father of

two. "It's really frightening more people than it should have. It's like crying wolf."

Miranda Smith, whose graduation ceremony at Cisco Junior College in central Texas was canceled to avoid spreading the flu, blames the media.

"Everybody needs to just calm down and chill out," she said. Public health authorities acknowledge their worst fears about the new virus have not materialized. But no one's officially saying it's time to relax.

"People are taking a sigh of relief too soon," said Dr. Richard Besser, acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. LINDSEY TANNER (AP)



CRIME Suspect Also Hoped for Free HBO A man in Woodbridge, N.J., told police he recently came home to find someone had broken into his house and taken approximately \$500 from a bedroom dresser. But that wasn't the only reported sign of foul play. The man said his razor had been used, and that facial hair was left all over the sink. Some Life Savers were also missing. The man told police the burglar had left behind black socks on the floor next to his bed. There has been no arrest in the case. (AP)

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Thousands Flee Calif. Fire

2-square-mile blaze rages out of control in Santa Barbara hills

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. | Dozens of homes have been destroyed by the wildfire raging in the hills above Santa Barbara, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Thursday as firefighters prepared for another round of howling winds and torrid temperatures.

The 2-square-mile fire has forced the evacuation of more than 13,500 people from more than 5.400 homes. It remained out of control, and the weather forecast for late Thursday could drive the flames into expensive homes in this scenic coastal enclave.

More fire crews were called in from across the state to battle the blaze. Ten firefighters were injured, at least three seriously, and the number of evacuees could double later in the day.

"We really can't do any containment lines. It's too dangerous," Santa Barbara County fire Capt. David Sadecki said. "We're doing



A home in the hills above Santa Barbara, Calif., goes up in flames Wednesday. A wind-whipped brushfire forced thousands of people to flee the region Thursday.

some structure protection, but firefighters can be in a safe location one minute and in a dangerous situation the next."

While the morning was cool and breezy, temperatures were expected to top 100 degrees, and winds picking up through the day had the potential to gust up

to 50 mph. Those were the same conditions that drove the tame blaze into ferocious activity on Wednesday afternoon.

Schwarzenegger, who declared a state of emergency, said dozens of homes were destroyed, but authorities had no precise figure. RAQUEL MARIA DILLON (AP)

Supreme Court

Rejects Appeal

Of Alleged Nazi

CLEVELAND | Alleged Nazi death

camp guard John Demjanjuk

lost his bid Thursday to get the

U.S. Supreme Court to stop his

deportation to Germany, where

an arrest warrant accuses him of

29,000 counts of accessory to mur-

denied Demjanjuk's plea to step

in on the case. The 89-year-old

man's lawyers have said he's too

frail to be sent overseas. There was no immediate indication from Immigration and Customs Enforcement whether the agency

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Demjanjuk. (AP)

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Obama Talks Budget Cuts

Top Republican says savings from proposal are 'relatively minor'

WASHINGTON | President Obama asked Congress Thursday to eliminate or trim 121 federal programs for a savings of \$17 billion in the coming budget year. Many of the proposed cuts have already been rejected by Obama's allies in Congress, including some programs that his predecessor, President George W. Bush, repeatedly sought to end.

Despite the relatively modest nature of the cuts, "none of this will be easy" amid the continuing deep economic slump, Obama said.

The proposed cuts amount to less than one-half of 1 percent of his \$3.6 trillion federal budget outline.

Republicans immediately



President Obama unveiled his full \$3.6 trillion budget outline Thursday.

denounced the president's proposed reductions as too small. "The resulting savings are relatively minor compared with the government's fiscal woes," said House Republican Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Answering criticism that his

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- 5 A presidential helicopter fleet that was going to cost \$13 billion.

cuts were negligible, Obama said: "A few of the programs we eliminate will produce less than a million dollars in savings. Outside of Washington, that's still a lot of money." ANDREW TAYLOR (AP)



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World

In Brief



People navigate a flooded road with canoes in Rosario, Brazil, on Thursday.

CORIMATA DA CIMA, BRAZIL

Floods in Northern Brazil Leave 218,000 Homeless

About 218,000 people have been left homeless by northern Brazil's worst rainfall and flooding in decades, braving newly formed rivers teeming with anacondas, alligators and legless reptiles known as "worm lizards" whose bite is excruciating. Already, 36 people have been killed in the flooding, sparked by unusually heavy rains that have been falling for two months. (AP)

GENEVA

WHO: 2 Billion Could Be Infected by Swine Flu Virus

Up to 2 billion people could be infected by swine flu if the current outbreak turns into a pandemic lasting two years, the World Health Organization said Thursday. WHO flu chief Keiji Fukuda said the history of flu pandemics shows one-third of the world's population gets infected in such outbreaks. (AP)

Pakistan Launches Battle in Swat

PM Gillani announces full-scale operations to 'eliminate' militants

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistan's prime minister told the nation Thursday that the armed forces were being "called in to eliminate the militants and terrorists" who have forcibly occupied part of the country's northwest, sending thousands of civilians fleeing from the region in the past week.

Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani's announcement, made in a late-night, televised address, signaled the final collapse of a fragile peace accord between the government and Taliban forces in the Swat region. It also represented the civilian government's formal green light for a full-fledged offensive by the military, which until now has been fighting only sporadically.

Gillani called on all Pakistanis to unite behind the armed forces "to restore the honor and dignity" of the nation, the safety of citizens and the writ of the government.

Gillani's address came on



Residents of Pakistan's Swat Valley arrive on a truck at a refugee camp in Mardan, Pakistan, Thursday. Pakistan's military said it killed at least 80 Taliban fighters.

We will defend every inch of our homeland at any cost."

-YOUSAF RAZA GILLANI, PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER

another day of intense but scattered clashes. Military officials said the army and other security forces had attacked militant positions with warplanes, attack helicopters and tanks. They said they killed at least 80 Taliban fighters in Swat and Buner districts, and nine soldiers died in an ambush and in other attacks. A son of a senior Islamist leader in Swat, Sufi Mohammed, was also reported to have been killed by army shelling.



Gillani spoke here as Pakistan's president, Asif Ali Zardari, was finishing several days of talks in Washington with senior U.S. officials and leaders from neighboring Afghanistan in an effort to find a common strategy against the Islamic extremism that is afflicting both countries.

The announcement also came amid a massive exodus of civilians from the areas of Swat, Buner and Dir, where Taliban extremist forces have occupied villages and towns, attacked schools and police, and terrorized the populace while trying to spread their radical version of Islam. PAMELA CONSTABLE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



TRAVEL Mile-High Wedding Club Passengers on British easyJet flights may soon have the chance to say "I do" 30,000 feet in the air. The budget airline announced its intention to authorize pilots to officiate at weddings while in flight as part of a plan to increase revenue and avoid cost-cutting, News.au.com reported. Paul Simmons, easyJet's U.K. regional general manager, noted that the time-saving service would enable future brides and grooms "to go directly on their honeymoon" after taking their vows.

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Afghan: 147 Dead in Raids

Official blames U.S. for disputed civilian casualties in the west

KABUL | Sobbing relatives showed U.S. and Afghan investigators the demolished buildings and graves in two western villages where a local official said Thursday he collected the names of 147 people killed in a disputed incident involving American forces and Taliban militants.

If local reports of the death toll are confirmed, it would be the deadliest case of civilian casualties in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion that ousted the

Officials disagree on the cause of the deaths Monday and Tuesday:

Afghan officials say the U.S. bombings killed civilians who were hiding from fighting in their homes and compounds.

→ But U.S. defense officials said that some deaths may have been deliberate killings by the Taliban, in hopes the U.S. would be blamed. (AP)

Taliban regime.

Although the results of the joint U.S.-Afghan investigation were not expected to be announced until Friday, Afghans blamed U.S. bombing raids for the deaths in the villages of Ganjabad and Gerani.

In the capital of Farah province, where the fighting took place, about 150 stone-throwing protesters chanted "Death to America" and clashed with police.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, whose two-day visit in Afghanistan was overshadowed by the case, offered a new expression of U.S. regret for the deaths but stopped short of taking blame.

There has been no official death count, either from the Americans or the Afghans. RAHIM FAIEZ (AP)

CHINA | QUAKE ANNIVERSARY APPROACHES



IN RECOVERY: Survivors of the May 12, 2008, earthquake in China's Sichuan province perform a song at the Sichuan Provincial People's Hospital in Chengdu, China, on Thursday. China announced Thursday that 5,335 students died or went missing in the earthquake — its first official such tally.

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Money

GM Skidding Toward Bankruptcy

Company posts loss of \$6B in 1Q as car buyers look elsewhere

DETROIT | General Motors drew closer to bankruptcy Thursday, acknowledging that its revenue fell by nearly half as car buyers worldwide steered away from showrooms for fear that the auto giant would not be around to honor its warranties.

The company lost \$6 billion in the first three months of the year. The results were bad enough to bring a warning from Chief Financial Officer Ray Young, who acknowledged the difficulty of



A General Motors plant is seen in Ypsilanti, Mich. The company's finances are dire.

climbing out of a steep decline even if the company cuts costs.

"Once you start losing revenue,

you get yourself into a vicious circle in which you cannot recover," he said on a conference call with reporters Thursday.

GM is living on \$15.4 billion in federal loans and faces a June 1 government deadline to finish a restructuring plan or join Chrysler in Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization. The company would prefer to restructure out of court, but even its own executives say the obstacles are formidable.

"I think bankruptcy is highly likely, not because the losses are so bad, but because everyone has realized that this company needs fundamental restructuring," said Douglas Baird, a University of Chicago law professor who specializes in bankruptcy cases. KIMBERLY S. JOHNSON (AP)

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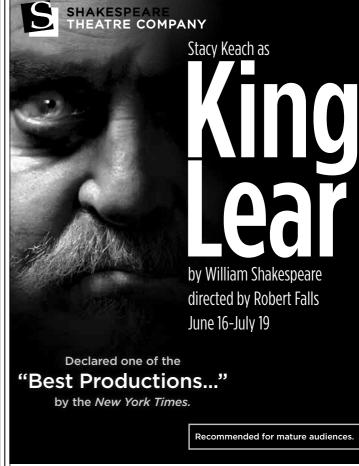
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In light of the WHO decision to raise the alert level on A/NIH1 flu (also known as "swine flu" or "novel influenza") from 4 to 5, the EU Member States Embassies and the Delegation of the European Commission are carefully monitoring the situation and are in close touch with US authorities. Special measures may need to be taken for the EU Open House (May 9) and other Europe Week events. Any changes will be posted on this site. Please check back regularly.



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Local

Dulles Rail Gets \$77M in Federal Stimulus Money

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Rep. Gerry Connolly says the expedited money does not increase the government's \$900 million commitment to the long-awaited extension, but will save \$15 million in financing while also pumping money into the region's economy.

The long-awaited extension of the Metrorail system is expected to help ease congestion in Tysons Corner and improve access to the region's busiest airport. (AP)

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 8-20-24-29-33

 Daily 6 (Wed.)
 9-14-15-16-17-19 (28)

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 II-19-29-33-34 (17)

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 Mid-day Pick 3
 4-7-8

 Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)
 8-6-5

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 6-0-2-6

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 4-0-9-9

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 2-12-17-28-37 (I8)

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 3-11-16-21-31-38

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 4-1-6

 Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)
 9-0-3

 Mid-day Pick 4
 2-7-4-2

 Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)
 4-3-8-2

 Mid-day Cash 5
 1-3-5-6-7

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Metro Considers Retail in Stations

Transit agency mulls option to help relieve looming budget woes

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These might be among some options for Washington-area subway riders as early as this fall. The Metro board is taking up the retailin-stations issue again later this month. Unlike three years ago, agency staff are asking for authorization to solicit proposals that would allow food and beverages to be among the items sold inside a dozen Metrorail stations.

But make no mistake: Metro's ban on eating or drinking would remain. If Metro accepts proposals to allow food and drink sales at these stations, riders would have to consume those products outside the stations.

The idea of using retail kiosks to boost revenue and provide riders with more convenience came

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WMATA is considering kiosks like this one to be used in stations. The transit agency is considering retail as a way to boost revenue as it suffers from budget woes.

up three years ago. Officials say it is even more relevant now, given the agency's budget woes.

"Retail services in stations could prove to be convenient for customers and financially beneficial for Metro, which is especially important during these tough economic times," said Metro General

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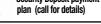
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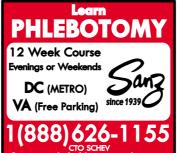
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Dwight Howard and the Orlando Magic host the Boston Celtics on Friday night.

Triday

7 P.M. The Capitals try to take a 3-l lead over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 4 of the series. CSN/Versus 7 P.M. The Celtics and Magic are even in their series entering Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. Followed by Game 3 of the Lakers-Rockets showdown. ESPN

7 P.M. Alex Rodriguez will rejoin the Yankees, who are in Baltimore this weekend. MASN

9:40 P.M. The Nats start a series with the Diamondbacks. MASN2

saturday

5 P.M. The Nuggets look to keep steamrolling past the Mavericks, and the Cavaliers take on the Hawks as the NBA playoffs continue. ESPN 7 P.M. There's no rest for the Caps and Pens, who play Game 5. Versus 7 P.M. NASCAR hits Darlington, S.C., for the Southern 500. FOX 7:30 P.M. D.C. United kicks off against Toronto FC. CSN 8:10 P.M. The Nationals and Diamondbacks play the middle game of their set. MASN2

sunday

1:35 P.M. The Orioles and Yankees conclude their only weekend series in Charm City this year. MASN **4:10 P.M.** Will the Diamondbacks be the first team to lose a road series to the Nationals?

Caps' Mystery Man

Just who is this goalie who's becoming a star during the playoffs?

CAPITALS | Even as Washington Capitals goalie Simeon Varlamov was making one miraculous save after another during Wednesday night's Game 3 overtime thriller of the team's Eastern Conference semifinal series against Pittsburgh, effectively cementing himself as the story of these playoffs,







Versus

is a 21-year-old doing all this, and

where did he come from?

the questions still remained: How

The latter part is easier to answer. Varlamov, a first-round pick in 2006, came over from the Russian professional ranks before this season and spent the majority of his time with the Caps' AHL affiliate in Hershey, Pa.

Originally from Samara, Russia, a large port city along the Volga River known for its production of aerospace equipment, Varlamov immediately took a liking to playing goalie as an 8-year-old before he even knew how to skate.

That fact might help explain why he has taken the Stanley Cup playoffs after coach Bruce Boudreau put him in net for Game



Simeon Varlamov had played a handful of NHL games before these playoffs. Now he's the reason the Capitals are winning,

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Varlamov's mask reflects his time playing with Hershey and with Washington.

2 of the Caps' first-round series against the Rangers.

Now, with the Caps holding a 2-1 series lead heading into Friday's pivotal Game 4 against the Penguins, Varlamov leads the league in goals-against average during the postseason.

And Wednesday night, he almost allowed his team to steal a road game it had no business winning.

"There are some that can rattle anybody, but if anything can rattle me, I'm definitely not sharing that now," Varlamov said with a smirk through an interpreter, since he is still learning English.

The most interesting part in all this is that his appearance is shrouded in mystery.

Boudreau won't talk to him for fear of messing with his mojo. Neither will Alex Ovechkin.

About the only thing they know is he gets peeved when people pronounce his name wrong, and he's the biggest reason the Caps are leading this best-of-seven series.

"Varly, he's making a name for himself," said Brooks Laich. "He seems to be a story after every game." MARK GIANNOTTO

HERSHEY-BRED

Coach Bruce Boudreau hasn't been afraid to rely on some less-er-known players such as David Steckel to make big plays, because many of them were on the 2006 Calder Cup-champion Hershey Bears team that Boudreau led. Here's a list of current Caps who were a part of Boudreau's successful Hershey teams:

FORWARDS: Eric Fehr, DAVID STECKEL, RIGHT, Procket Leich Town

Brooks Laich, Tomas Fleischmann and Boyd Gordon

DEFENSE: MIKE GREEN, RIGHT.

Tyler Sloan and Jeff Schultz





SOCCER Time To Get a Life London's Evening Standard reported that death threats were made against a referee in the Champions League semifinal. Chelsea players angrily accused Norwegian referee Tom Henning Ovrebo of missing several penalty and hand-ball calls in Wednesday's I-I draw against Barcelona, which advanced to the final with a late goal. Chelsea promised Thursday to take "the strongest action" against any fans found making threats but said it had received no evidence of any. (AP)





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One More Fallen All-Star

Dodgers' Ramirez suspended 50 games for doping violation

BASEBALL | Manny Ramirez joined a growing lineup of All-Stars linked to drugs Thursday, with the dreadlocked slugger banished by a sport that cannot shake free from scandal.

The Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder was suspended for 50 games by Major League Baseball after failing a drug test in spring training, adding a further stamp to what will forever be known as the Steroids Era.

Ramirez said he did not take steroids and was given medication by a doctor that contained a banned substance.

A person familiar with the details of the suspension said Ramirez used the female fertility drug HCG, or human chorionic gonadotropin. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the banned substance wasn't announced.

HCG is popular among steroid users because it can mitigate the side effects of ending a cycle of the drugs. The body may stop producing testosterone when users go off steroids, which can cause sperm counts to decrease and testicles to shrink.



Manny Ramirez said he did not take steroids but was given medication by a doctor that contained a banned substance. MLB suspended the outfielder for 50 games.

Ranked 17th on the career home run list with 533, Ramirez became the most prominent baseball player to be penalized for drugs.

The 36-year-old Ramirez told the Dodgers and fans he was sorry for "this whole situation." "Recently, I saw a physician for a personal health issue. He gave me a medication, not a steroid, which he thought was OK to give me," Ramirez said in a statement issued by the players' union.

"Unfortunately, the medication was banned under our drug policy.

THE DRUG HE USED

THE NAME: Human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG)

USAGE: The drug can be taken by steroid users after they complete cycles to get their bodies to produce testosterone naturally again. HIS CLAIM: Ramirez says he was given the drug by a doctor for an unrelated personal medical issue.

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Amount of his salary Ramirez stands to lose over his 50-game suspension; he gets paid \$25 millon a year.

July 3

Earliest date Ramirez can return to baseball after his suspension.

Under the policy, that mistake is now my responsibility.

"I have been advised not to say anything more for now. I do want to say one other thing: I've taken and passed about 15 drug tests over the past five seasons."

SUSPENSIONS AND ALLEGATIONS | STEROID-TAINTED PLAYERS

2005 Baltimore's RAFAEL PALMEIRO received a IO-day suspension for steroid use.



2007 The Mitchell Report linked ROGER CLEMENS, among others, to steroid use.



Feb. ALEX RODRIGUEZ, admitted taking steroids while playing for Texas from 2001 to 2003.



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CAPITALS | BY MATT SWENSON

Can't Get Enough Of Caps vs. Pens

TYPICALLY, I'M THE first person to complain about how long the NHL playoffs are.

After all, who wants to watch hockey in July when, presumably, it's hot and humid?

If it is Alex Ovechkin, Sidney

Crosby and the rest of the Capitals and Penguins playing, I do.

Since that's not possible, I'll settle for the next-best thing: a seven-game series.

As much as it might imperil the hometown team, a series as exciting as this has become should go the distance.

With Evgeni Malkin's finding his form in Game 3, the established stars are living up to their hype. And we're watching a new player establish himself in Capitals goaltender Simeon Varlamov.

Never have I been so enthralled

Never have I been so enthralled with a goalie's saves as with some of the shots the rookie has stopped.

with a goalie's saves as with some of the shots the rookie has stopped. He single-handedly kept the Capitals — who lost their offense in Wednesday night's loss — alive to force overtime.

The extra session just reinforced

how enthralling these two teams are to watch. Disappointedly, I watched the game a little more than halfway through the first overtime period. I was ready for a triple OT.

It's true that the shorter the series, the better it is for the Capitals because they still hold a 2-1 advantage over the Penguins.

But the winners of a longer series are the fans. We appear to be watching a classic. Let's hope it ends like one.



Nats Learn to Walk

Washington hitters' improved discipline results in more runs

NATIONALS | There is nothing sexy about a walk.

Dropping your bat and jogging slowly to first base. The expression is that chicks dig the long ball, not walks.

But bases on balls are absolutely devastating to pitchers. A fourpitch walk makes a pitcher wonder whether he's losing his control. A long, battling at-bat that ends in a free pass? That tells a pitcher he was just beat.



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"Anytime you take tough pitches and close pitches, it's got to be frustrating for the pitchers," Nationals No. 3 hitter Ryan Zimmerman said. "Those are the pitches they want you to swing at and get out on. And now they've thrown you their best pitch. Now what are they supposed to do?"

The 24-year-old Zimmerman is only now grasping and executing the principles of restraint and pitch selection. It's paying off in his .333 batting average and his 24-game hitting streak through Wednesday.

Some of it can be attributed to maturity. Manager Manny Acta also credits the presence of those surrounding him in the lineup. Nick Johnson in the No. 2 hole and Adam Dunn in the cleanup spot both are very patient and know the strike zone. Even 24-year-old Elijah Dukes, batting fifth, is developing a reputation as a hitter who makes pitchers work.

"That's just unbelievable focus and concentration by those guys,"



By developing a better eye at the plate, Ryan Zimmerman has avoided the slow start to the season that typically plagues him. He's hitting .333 this season.

The length of Rvan Zimmerman's hitting streak through Wednesday. He has a .333 batting average.

The Nationals' batting average, the fourth-highest in the National League.

The Nationals' batting average in 2008.

WHAT'S CHANGED?

Maturity. Hitters such as Nick Johnson and Adam Dunn are setting the example.

WHY AREN'T THEY WINNING? The hitting isn't the problem; it's the bullpen.

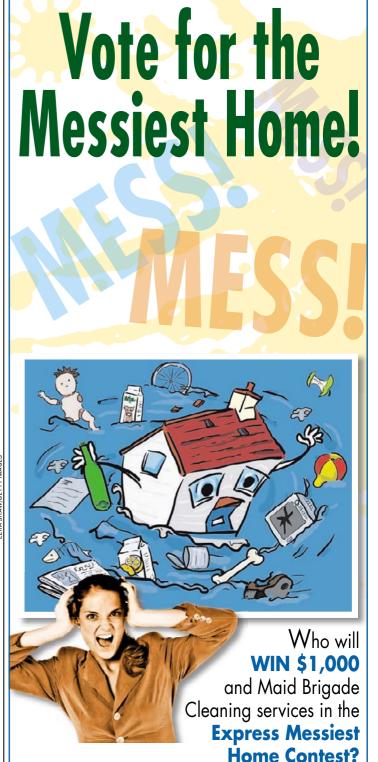
Nationals pitcher John Lannan said. "When you've got three guys in your lineup, even four, doing that, it makes it tough on the pitcher to locate and do what he wants to do. Those balls in the dirt really help you out."

While the more professional offensive approach hasn't translated into many wins, most of the blame can be laid on the club's lackluster bullpen. Washington's hitters, who had a combined .251 batting average in 2008, are hitting .268 this year, the fourth-high-

est in the National League.

In two games against the Houston Astros this week, the Nationals scored 11 and 10 runs, respectively. They combined for 16 walks, chasing the starting pitcher after five innings in each game.

"When we get into that part of our lineup when we have guys that are so patient at the plate the Nicks and the Dunns and the Dukes, and right now the way Zimmerman is - there's a very good chance that we can do some damage," Acta said. DEREK TURNER



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NEL

Conflicting Reports About Favre's Return to Football

The Minnesota Vikings' dalliance with Brett Favre has yet to reach the stage of face-to-face, close-the-deal talks. Maybe it never will. Vikings coach Brad Childress remained at team headquarters Thursday despite reports he was to travel south for discussions with the supposedly retired quarterback, who lives in Mississippi.



Favre played last season for the Jets after spending 16 years in Green Bay.

Meanwhile, Yahoo! Sports reported that Favre called Childress in the past day and told the coach he wants to stay retired. (AP)

NRA

Hornets Coach Scott Keeps Job, Exec Says West Stays

The New Orleans Hornets are sticking with head coach Byron Scott for at least one more season. Team president Hugh Weber says the franchise was disappointed by its first-round exit from the playoffs but that the entire organization shares responsibility. Meanwhile, Hornets executive Chad Shinn said the team also sees two-time All-Star David West as a key part of the team, saying it is "very unlikely" that West would be traded. (AP)



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Records: D.C. (3-1-4), TFC (3-2-3) All-time series: D.C. 5-1-0

- → D.C.'s I-I tie in Kansas City on Wednesday extended its league unbeaten streak to four and lifted it into first place in the East. Toronto is in second
- → United's rookies continued to excel in K.C., with Maryland product Rodney Wallace, left, scoring his second goal of the season. MFs Ben Olsen and Fred took the week off as coach Tom Soehn con-

tinues to make use of his improving depth, while newly acquired D Avery John made his United debut. The former Trinidad and Tobago international was acquired in April through a trade with New England.

→ Toronto is led by former Houston playmaker and Ontario native Dwayne DeRosario and 2004 MLS MVP Amado Guevara (three goals, three assists.)

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Kelly Rowland

'FASHION SHOW' HOST, EX-DESTINY'S CHILD SINGER

If you think Kelly Rowland isn't cut out to be the host of Bravo's new design competition, "The Fashion Show" (Thu., 10 p.m.), consider her shoe collection, which spans three closets. Fashion is definitely a passion for the singer, who got her break belting out harmonies with Beyonce in Destiny's Child. Now, she's paired up with a new partner: show co-host Isaac Mizrahi.

"The Fashion Show" sounds similar to another Bravo hit, "Project Runway." What's the difference?

The designers in the show are established and have their own lines already. This show will either help catapult their careers or reveal they still have more to learn.

What else sets it apart?

America is involved in voting for the winner. In other shows, [viewers have chosen some amazing talent, like Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood from "American Idol." They seem to know what they're doing!

What's your role in the show? Are you a judge, host or mentor?

I am all of the above, honey! I'm a judge, but the designers ask a lot of questions, so that lets me be a mentor as well. I'm also hosting with "my Isaac," as I like to call him.

Isaac must be fun to work with.

He's so iconic and respected. And what I love most is that he is so full of knowledge and willing to pass it on to these designers. By the time they leave the show whether or not they advance to the end — they'll definitely take something away.

Do you consider yourself a Simon Cowell kind of judge, or are you

more of a Paula Abdul type?

I'd say I'm a Kelly Rowland kind of judge. I'm not too firm, but I also don't think it's healthy to sugarcoat things. If you're not completely honest with somebody, you don't give them the space to grow. Sugarcoating is fine only if you're talking to a 5-year-old.

"I promised myself I'm only shopping in consignments stores. I've never found so much amazing stuff."

Do you aspire to work in the fashion industry yourself?

Eventually, but not yet. I'd love to create a line of clothes for full-figured women. I've gone shopping with friends of mine who have beautiful curves, and it's really frustrating for them to find clothes that fit well, look good and make them feel wonderful.

I've heard you're a big shopper.

I do have a huge closet. But I promised myself that for the next six months, I'm only shopping in consignment stores. I went to one in Miami, where I live, and I've never found so much amazing stuff at great prices, like a pair of printed Burberry pants for \$20.

What's your favorite thing to buy?

I'm definitely an accessories queen. And shoes! I have three closets of shoes - I don't even know how many I have anymore.

That sounds a little overwhelming.

It's all Sarah Jessica Parker's fault. When I became a "Sex and the City" fan and saw how many shoes she would always pick up, I felt like I had to have as many as she did. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)



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rugged jackets in heavy cot-

ton (shown, \$128). Sorry:

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dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

My boss invited me to spend Memorial Day weekend at his beach house on the Eastern Shore. I'm worried about making a good impression, since I'm from Kansas, where people don't have beach hous-

es. - ASHLEY

Manolo says, how lucky to be invited to spend time in this fairy tale land of crab cakes and picturesquely crusty old Chesapeake watermen. Not as stuffy as the coast of New England, nor (outside of Ocean City) as oppressively blighted with the mini golf courses and gim-



crack souvenir shops as further south, the Eastern Shore is the exact right blend of Atlantic Americana.

As for what the Kansas girl should wear, the Manolo recommends going the little bit preppy. That sweater draped over her pastel polo shirt will come in handy in the cool coastal evenings, just as those boat shoes will keep her from falling into the water when she visits the rustic crab shack.

Of the course, being somewhat preppy does not preclude wearing cute sandals for the Saturday night at the famous crab restaurant, where you will dine like Maryland royalty on crab salad, crab cakes and crab-berry shortcake. Look — here is the McKim from Lilly Pulitzer (\$142, Zappos.com).



sets with handles shaped like horse

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Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Kartell's Lovely Rita bookshelves (\$294 each, Allmodern.com) come in black, blue, red or silver PVC.

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-earn to love your library with hip shelving, organization

bookshelves and placed them Floor-to-ceiling windows, behind the room's gray wool steel appliances and slick floors meant that the Logan sofa. Now, Joy and Ismojo's Circle condo lawyer David cookbooks, Michael Chabon Joy, 44, and diplomat Offy novels and travel guides fill Ismojo, 47, bought in 2007 the bookcase cubbies, along looked mod the second they with vases and family phomoved in. Well, except for tos. "It encourages us not to the boxes of books, which collect junk," says Joy. the duo packed into the den. "We had more room in our last place," says Ismojo.

Until everyone gives up books for Kindles, book storage will challenge most nesters, be they college students cramming textbooks into Ikea Billy shelves or recovering English majors

Library of Congress." "We didn't want bookshelves everywhere. That would look like the Library of Congress."

So, the pair consulted designer Shannon Wang of Apartment Zero (406 Seventh St. NW), who picked out a pair of white, modular

"But here, we didn't want

bookshelves everywhere.

That would look like the

lusting for home libraries.

But, ironically, part of loving books may be learning to let them go. "Some people hold onto





Small-yet-packed-with-personality bookcases hold tomes in David Joy and Offy Ismojo's Logan Circle condo. This leaves more room for Chihuahuas Hugo (on sofa and in lower painting) and Winston (upper painting) to play.

home lookout

good looks for books

You can judge a book by its cover when you're trying to figure out how to both store your volumes and make a space look swell. Here are some tips for making your home library useful and stylish:

ALTERNATE PLACING
books vertically or horizontally on shelves to add
interest. Older volumes should
be stored standing upright.
"Laying them on their sides
makes spines bow," says John
Tomson of antiquarian book
trove Bartleby's Books (1132
29th St. NW: 202-298-0486).

A POP OF COLOR, either a brightly painted wall behind floating shelves, or built-in bookcases with wallpapered backs "makes a display look much more interesting," says D.C. designer Shannon Wang.

HAVE A PARTICULARLY pretty art book? Open it to a stellar image — maybe a Warhol portrait — and perch it on a bookstand like the geeky-cool Atlas Ultra (\$65, Bookandcopyholders.com).

A STACK OF BOOKS
(similar sizes or piled large to small) adds
height to a lamp or serves as a base for treasured objects: fossils, a sculpture. "You can make a big stack into an end table," designer Libby Langdon says.



At the D.C. Design House, the library features stacked books topped by a magnifying glass.

shelf service

Bookshelves have undergone a mod metamorphosis in recent vears, with way-beyond-the-English-manor looks ranging from ladder-like models that slant against the wall, such as Pottery Barn's Studio Shelf (\$299, Potterybarn.com), to Brave Space's bamboo puzzle bookcase (shown, from \$1,730, 2modern.com). If your pad is tinier than a college library study carrel, wall-mounted floating shelves can provide lots of page space without hogging floor Space, J.B. Colored metal backings meet plywood on Brave Space Design's modular Tetrad Bookshelves, which can be rearranged countless ways.

every book they've ever read," says Libby Langdon, interior designer and author of "Libby Langdon's Small Space Secrets" (\$25, Knack). "If keeping organized is tough, thin out your collection. Keep hardcovers that mean a lot; donate the zillion little paperbacks."

Still, many people aren't happy unless they live surrounded by old novels and new art books. "Books add warmth to a home," says D.C. interior designer Sarah Wessel, whose plush library at the D.C. Design House (through May 10; Dcdesign.

com) features built-in bookcases painted white. On the shelves, hardbacks covered in wallpaper scraps mingle with artwork and shells, creating a room both bookish and beautiful.

Coordinating storage

systems, either by installing built-in shelves or using matching bookshelves from Ikea or Design Within Reach, goes a long way toward making a mass of books seem like a meaningful collection. "Instead of having a million bookshelves all over the house, put them in one area," Langdon says.

"It'll look like a library."

You don't even have to stash books on shelves. Instead, artfully pile them on a table or ottoman. "One client had these neat vintage leather benches," says Langdon. "We stacked them on top of each other for very cool book storage."

Bookworms diverge on organizing tomes. Some go old-school Dewey Decimal in one room, then put cookbooks in the kitchen or romances in the boudoir. Design fans even display books by color, though it's a trend some pros and bibliophiles dislike. "How do you find what you're looking for?" asks Wang. "It seems like lots of work."

And you could always keep your most prized books, be they "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" or "The Iliad" between bookends near a cushy armchair. "Some readers have a chaotic order that no one in the outside world understands," says John Tomson, co-owner of Bartleby's Books (1132 29th St. NW). "It's just important for them to keep the books they love close."

Umbra's Flybrary book brackets (\$3I, Umbra.com) mount on the wall and keep graphic novels or Robert Ludlum thrillers close at hand.

Ideal for kitchens or cramped dens, Trippo shelves (from \$300, Apartment Zero, 406 Seventh St. NW; 202-628-4067) come in lacquered wood.

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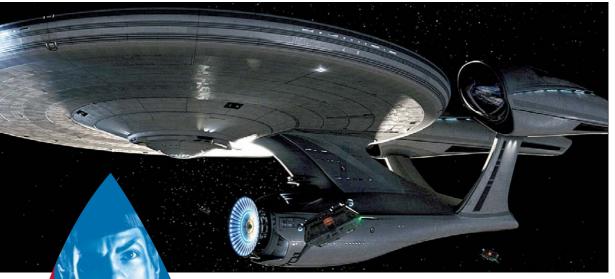
Acclaimed singer Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings are at the 9:30 Club.

FRIDAY

Washington is the funkiest (and luckiest) town in America for the next two days, thanks to a pair of 9:30 CLUB appearances by the amazing $\mbox{\sc Sharon}$ Jones and the Dap-Kings. Last fall, David wrote a blog post from the Virgin Festival called "Please Explain to Me... Why Sharon Jones Isn't a Huge Star," which pretty much sums it up. When Jones, who turned 53 on May 4, steps onstage, it's like she wandered through a rip in the space-time continuum from Memphis' Stax Studios in 1967. We dare you to stand still. Jones headlines on Friday; note that Saturday's show is an early one (doors at 6:30 p.m.).

SATURDAY

If you've never been up to Baltimore for Taxlo at Sonar, you're missing the area's best dance party since, well, Buzz. Two weeks ago, Simian Mobile Disco headlined Taxlo's seventh anniversary party, and MSTRKRFT, Diplo and Treasure Fingers are among the guests who've graced the decks in recent months. But the anchors of Taxlo are founders/residents Cullen Stalin and Simon Phoenix, whose razor-sharp mix of electro-club-house keeps the kids dancing all night. They'll be giving D.C. a taste of the scene tonight at DC9 when the duo guests at the monthly Feedback party, alongside DJ Stereo Faith. As always, admission (and vodka-and-Red Bull drinks) are free before 10 p.m.



THE SHIP

The Starship Enterprise was redesigned for the new film. In an interview with Entertainment Weekly, director J.J. Abrams noted that he wanted to emphasize both the familiar and the fresh. "If you're going to do the Enterprise, it'd better look like the Enterprise," he said, "because otherwise, what are you doing?"

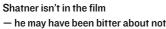
Boldly J.J. Abrams' new 'Star Trek' is a kick in the pants for the franchise Going Forward

FRESH EYES

Despite its cult following, many of the film's major players - including director J.J. Abrams and stars CHRIS PINE, left, and ZACHARY QUINTO, right - are not Trekkies.

OLD FACES

LEONARD NIMOY. right, shows up in a cameo, but William



being offered a larger role.

RISKS OF THE ROLES

Despite possibly being locked into two sequels, the actors aren't worried about the typecasting that defined the original actors' careers. "I think it was a different time," Quinto says. "There was a stigma attached to science fiction that doesn't exist anymore."

FILM | J.J. Abrams' hugely anticipated summer extravaganza boldly goes to the past within the distant future of the "Star Trek" universe, years ahead of the TV series and the myriad movies and spin-offs it spawned. And in doing so, he and his longtime collaborators, writers Roberto Orci and Alex Kurtzman, change everything you know - or obsess about, if you're into this kind of thing - about the kitschy pop-culture phenomenon.

It's a daring and exciting approach that's sure to tickle and provoke purists, while at the same time probably cause neophytes to feel a bit lost. A major plot twist pops up about halfway through the film (along with Leonard Nimoy), one that doesn't exactly work and from which the film never completely recovers.

Having said that, Abrams clearly aimed to appeal to the broadest possible moviegoing audience with this dazzling visual spectacle while also leaving plenty of Easter eggs for the hardcore fans to find.

It's an absolutely gorgeous film with impeccable production design - the lighting is wondrous, almost heavenly - and lovely, tiny details frequently emerge from

'STAR TREK'

- → DIRECTOR: J.J. Abrams
- → STARS: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Simon Pegg, Eric Bana
- → IN A NUTSHELL: This revisionist history covers tension between Kirk and Spock, the cast of usual characters and, of course, a larger conflict, this time with Romulan leader Nero.
- → FOR FANS OF: The prior "Star Trek" movies. "Lost" and "Cloverfield"

within the larger, grander images. Abrams certainly puts on a good show — there's no question the man knows how to stage an action sequence.

He efficiently and satisfyingly presents the backstories of the men who will become Capt. James T. Kirk (Chris Pine) and the half-Vulcan, half-human Mr. Spock (Zachary Quinto), and puts them on a collision course with each other. Their shared enemy: the angry Romulan leader Nero (Eric Bana). The source of his vendetta against Spock, and the entire Federation, is revealed as the film progresses, and it's a crucial part of that distractingly perplexing twist. Christy Lemire (AP)

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MOVIES D.C.'S Field of Dreams The Nationals are making a jump to the big screen. According to several representatives from Sony at Dodger Stadium on Wednesday, the protagonist of James L. Brooks' latest film will be a well-paid relief pitcher who plays for the Nationals. Owen Wilson, pictured, is rumored to star in the film. The romantic comedy, which is currently in preproduction, will be shot primarily in Washington and will include scenes at Nationals Park. Filming begins in June. (EXPRESS)

entertainment lookout



The Time Has Come For May Flowers

Looking for the perfect way to spend a spring afternoon? There's nothing like a nice day in the garden. The Georgetown Garden Tour will open a collection of eight, all within easy walking distance of each another. Environmentally friendly "Georgetown Garden Club" shopping bags will be available to purchase. Be sure to grab a cup of tea at the Christ Church from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. N.O.

→ Christ Church Georgetown, 3116 O St. NW; Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$35; 202-965-1950, Georgetowngardentour.com.



Compiled by Express' Fiona Zublin and Nicole Ocran. Read more of their picks every day at Expressnightout.com/topstops. The Plot Thickens

Does your brain recoil in horror at seeing that the Folger is producing a play written after 1904? Calm down. "Arcadia," a complex musing on academia, paradox and genius, is as intellectually demanding as any work penned since Shakespeare kicked the bucket. F.Z.

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Same Grit, Less Grime

After being signed to Def Jam by Jay Z in 2006, then being dropped from the label last year and taking a six-month break from the limelight, Lady Sovereign is back with her sophomore album, "Jigsaw." The "biggest midget in the game" raps and sings on her new record but still maintains her signature beats and fresh lyrics. N.O.

→ 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sat., 11 p.m., \$20; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

Pensive Aggression

Mike Tyson is thought of as a brute, but a new film reveals his introspective side

DOCUMENTARY | He wants your heart; he wants to eat your children

But Mike Tyson also has a sensitive side, one he candidly reveals in James Toback's documentary, "Tyson."

Actually, calling it a documentary suggests many voices and sources contributing to paint an objective, balanced picture of the larger-than-life former fighter. You won't see that here. Instead, you get wall-to-wall Tyson and nothing else — an extended monologue, a stream-of-consciousness couch confessional — which makes for riveting viewing. (Toback does include footage of the infamous child-eating comment directed at Lennox Lewis and, of course, that little love nibble on Evander Holyfield's ear.)

We already knew he was a born showman and a volatile force — "I was knockin' everybody out in spectacular fashion," he says of his rise to dominance in the late 1980s — but "Tyson" also reveals him as a natural storyteller and an athlete surprisingly capable of elo-



"Tyson" tells the notorious boxer's story from his — and only his — perspective.

quent introspection. He describes in detail being bullied in the rough Brownsville section of Brooklyn as a child, which led to his first fight. And he still gets choked up nearly 25 years later remembering the death of his beloved trainer and father figure, Cus D'Amato.

But he also recalls his brief marriage to Robin Givens as being "disastrous" and describes Desiree Washington — the woman whose rape accusation landed him in prison for three years — as "that wretched swine of a woman."

Will the real Mike Tyson please stand up? Apparently, he's all these people and more, and he's not afraid to show them to you — and that mix of unpredictability and vulnerability makes Tyson, and

"Tyson," thrilling to watch.

Toback omits a few details that are begging to be explained. For example, Tyson states toward the end of the film that his main function now is to be a father to his six kids. "Tyson" introduces us to the mother of two of them, ex-wife Monica Turner, but never bothers to inform us where the other four came from.

But, he's obviously comfortable with Toback, who's been a friend since 1985 and who previously directed him with Neve Campbell in "When Will I Be Loved" and "Black and White." It seems unlikely that any other filmmaker could provide such an intimate look at such a complicated figure.

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each other. Burkett & Randle, led by Howard Tully (Tom Wilkinson), has discovered a cream that will revolutionize the industry. Equikrom, led by Richard Garsik (Paul Giamatti) needs to steal the secret to that lotion. And there's romance, of sorts. Behind the scenes. Claire Stenwick (Julia Roberts) and Ray Koval (Clive Owen) work their nefarious magic, he on Equikrom's side, she on



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Matthew McConaughey visits his old loves in "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past."

Burkett & Randle's. But are they both really working for each other? And can they really trust each other? (DK)

EARTH (G, 89 minutes) You may have seen the television ads for this debut documentary feature from Disneynature about the struggles of three animal families (polar bear, elephant and whale) to survive against the elements. They are the ads that begin, "Wherever there is life, there are stories." That's really what this movie is: a gorgeously photographed storybook. (MO)

FAST & FURIOUS (PG-I3, IO5 minutes) This film refires the high-speed adrenaline and the fuel-injected bromance between



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Vin Diesel and Paul Walker that began in 2001's "The Fast and the Furious." The reunion is fun and frantic, like the original on double nitro. Gone is the youngboy innocence of the first, in which guys (and gals) cheated death at high velocity like towheaded surfer dudes. Now it's all about kill-or-be-killed screeching, shooting and colliding at the Mexican border, with FBI SWAT teams and helicopters in

GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13. 100 minutes) Modeled as a kind of sexual athlete's counterpart to Ebenezer Scrooge, photographer Connor Mead (Matthew McConaughey) shuns emotional attachments and disdains marriage. The inspiration for Connor's approach to relationships is his late Uncle Wayne (Michael Douglas), an ardent misogynist whose ghost appears with a warning for his nephew to change his ways, then says that Connor will be vis-

ited by three ghosts to drive home the message. Wayne's admonishment is followed by the specters, including the childhood sweetheart at the bottom of his childhood traumas, Jenny (Jennifer Garner). Connor meets up with Jenny, who has returned to guilt-trip him at a wedding, as one of four bridesmaids whom he has jilted over the years. The relentless vulgarities here would be almost tolerable if they were amusing, but Mark Waters' direction is so tentative

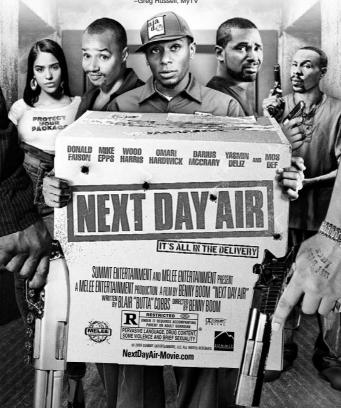
that the film's single laugh happens more than an hour in. JAN STUART

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G, 98 minutes) The first moment of applause came early during a recent screening, so early, in fact, the house lights had just begun to dim. The source of the clapping was a pair of excitable girls who looked to be about 7 years old. Which is pretty much the target demographic of this Continued on page 32



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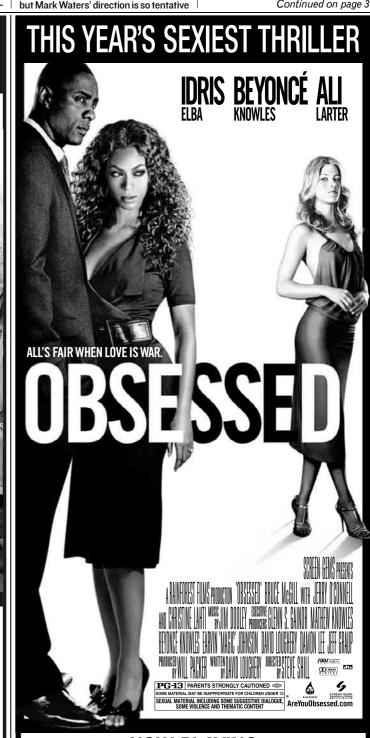
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innocuous feature-length adaptation of the popular Disney Channel series about Miley Stewart (Miley Cyrus), an ordinary teenage girl who secretly moonlights as Hannah Montana. (мо)

ILOVE YOU, MAN (R, 105 minutes) Paul Rudd is a phone book actor, meaning he's just one of those guys who could stand there and read a phone book and we'd laugh. Just watch him in the first few scenes of his most recent role, when his character, Peter Klaven, listens in on a raunchy conference call between his fiancee, Zooey (Rashida Jones), and her best girlfriends. Or listen as he makes up fake guy-talk when he goes on a first man-date with Sydney Fife (Jason Segel), the shambling Lost Boy who Peter befriends. Only Rudd could mine comic gold from standing there and saying things like "joben" and "totes magotes." (AH)

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG, 94 minutes) This super-duper, 3-D, big-screen,



Ali Larter, right, tries to seduce Idris

Elba in the blockbuster "Obsessed." Imax-deluxe extravaganza has bells and

whistles, superb technical sophistication, dazzling visual effects, sound, fury and Reese Witherspoon. What it doesn't have is heart. Even children appreciate a good story, and that's precisely what's missing in this film, which is nominally about a bunch of government-sponsored monsters that do battle with an evil alien squid craving world domination. (AH)

OBSESSED (PG-I3, IO8 minutes) Beyoncé Knowles is Sharon, a wife and mother threatened by a woman who is literally crazy for Sharon's husband in this cheesy, predictable thriller. The only nuanced performance is by Idris Elba as Derek, Sharon's stockbroker spouse. When Lisa (Ali Larter) makes a play for him and won't accept his rebuff, the wheels are set in motion, "Obsessed" can't end without a life-or-death fight between Sharon and Lisa, whose attempted seductions are steamy but nongraphic. (JH)

THE SOLOIST (PG-I3, II9 minutes) The true story of a newspaper columnist (Robert Downey Jr.) and his friendship with a schizophrenic street musician in Los Angeles (Jamie Foxx), the film is suffused with heartbreak and humanism, as it takes one man's grim story - early promise, bright future, mental breakdown, despair - and turns it into a spiritual meditation on friendship. Downey plays Los Angeles Times columnist Steve Lopez, who happens upon Nathaniel Ayers (Foxx) playing a two-stringed violin in downtown Los Angeles' Pershing Square. Lopez discovers that Ayers once attended Juilliard, and his resulting columns wind up taking the writer not only into the tortured history and mind of his subject, but also into the Bosch-like

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world of the city's Skid Row. (AH)

STATE OF PLAY (PG-I3, II7 minutes)
Taking some cues from such recent headlines as Chandra Levy and Blackwater, not to mention "All the President's Men," the film plays politicians and journalists against each other in a continually shifting game of back-scratching and back-stabbing. Congressman Stephen

Collins (Ben Affleck), a rising political star, is caught up in a scandal that may or may not have anything to do with a string of murders being investigated by Washington Globe reporter Cal McAffrey (Russell Crowe). (AH) **WOLVERINE** (PG-I3, IO7 minutes) Hugh Jackman may be the contractual star of this Marvel Comics-inspired pro-

duction, which explores (creates) the history of one of Marvel's most popular and conflicted heroes, but technology is what makes the movie what it is, a film with the personality of a \$150 million video game. The story starts in 1845, in darkest Canada, where young brothers James and Victor see the man they think is their father gunned

down. Before the intruder can spit out what he has come to tell them, he gets skewered on the irate James' nascent bone claws. Throughout history, James (Jackman) and Victor (Liev Schreiber) kick major enemy butt together. Victor/ Sabretooth is always the more sadistic of the two. He's one twisted, unkillable dude, actually, and James, aka Logan,

aka Wolverine, constantly has to rein him in. But you can see where this is going: conflict. J.A.

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television lookout

weekendlineup

SCHOOL STRESS

On the fourth-season finale of

EVERYBODY HATES CHRIS (8 p.m., CW, Fri.), Chris is threatened with having to repeat a year in school.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Michael is faced with an impossible choice on PRISON BREAK (8 p.m.,

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Scheduled on 48 HOURS MYSTERY (10 p.m., CBS): A con woman bluffs her way into the Ivy League.

HOST WITH THE MOST SKILLS

Justin Timberlake hosts SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.). featuring musical guest Ciara.

WATCH WITH YOUR MOM

Marge and Lisa try to inspire Maggie to talk by relating tales of strong women on THE SIMPSONS (8 p.m., Fox,

BYE-BYE, DONALD

The end arrives for **CELEBRITY** APPRENTICE (8 p.m., NBC, Sun.).

SWEDISH SLEUTH

Kenneth Branagh appears in his first recurring TV role on "Mystery" (9 p.m., PBS, Sun.). He portrays detective Kurt Wallandar in WALLANDAR, adapting three best-selling novels by Swedish writer Henning Mankell over the next three weekends in May. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

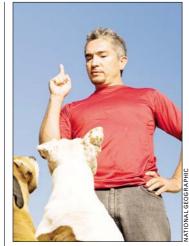
Animal Rights Whisperer

Cesar Millan shifts his attention from training to rescuing

CRUELTY | "The Dog Whisperer" (9 p.m., National Geographic) moves beyond its usual calm, submissive state to take a stand against puppy mills.

These operations supply millions of the dogs sold in pet stores. Although most mills operate within legal limits, the life of the breeding dogs is horrible, diseased and frequently short. Some dogs produce six litters in three years. Many never see life outside a cage, where they live in fear and filth. The puppies from these facilities are likely to suffer from genetic defects, physical abuse and psychological trauma. Host Cesar Millan believes many of the damaged dogs he treats come from mills.

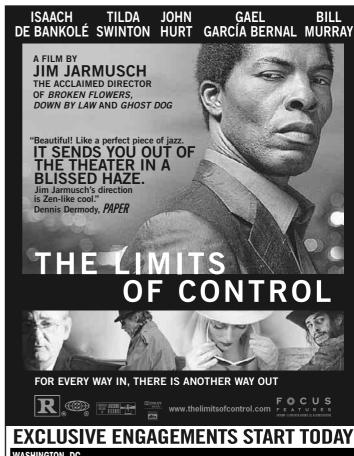
Tonight, Millan joins forces with the Los Angeles group Last



Tonight on "The Dog Whisperer," host Millan takes a stand against puppy mills.

Chance for Animals, which rescues dogs from illegal mills and tries to find them homes. He offers counseling services for the recently released pets that suffer from neurotic behavior such as hostile biting or ceaseless licking.

Last Chance also pickets pet stores that buy from unscrupulous mills and helps convince pet shoppers to either buy from reputable breeders or adopt from the pound. One such convert is Sharon Osbourne, who offers a testimonial for Last Chance and the Osbourne family rescue dog Little Bit. Kevin McDonough (united feature SYNDICATE)



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62%

NO 38%

"Of course, Americans will go back to their "spend more than I earn" ways. A vast majority of Americans spend more than they earn, and that is why Congress is having to bail them out with the credit card rules."

COMMENTER COMMON KEVIN. WHO ADDED "IF AMERICANS JUST USED THEIR CREDIT CARDS AS A FREE 30-DAY LOAN AND PAID IT OFF EVERY MONTH AS I DO. [IT] WOULD NOT BE A CONCERN."

"Frugality and splurging are more made up by the media than reality. Americans are spenders; we consistently spend rather than save."

COMMENTER BRAD2, WHO ADDED, "THAT ISN'T TRUE [ONLY] WHEN WE ARE WOR-RIED ABOUT OUR NEXT PAYCHECK."

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Oprah's idea of promoting good health among her millions of fans - switching from the fried version of the chicken to the grilled. Not the Colonel's idea, we're thinking."

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"It's difficult for Chelsea to cry about officiating when it was the beneficiary of the worst call of the match.

DEADSPIN.COM DOESN'T QUITE SYMPATHIZE WITH CHELSEA FC AFTER ITS WEDNESDAY'S CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LOSS. IN WHICH THE TEAM COMPLAINED THAT REFEREE TOM OVREBO ESSENTIALLY THREW THE MATCH. OVREBO SENT OFF A BARCELONA PLAYER IN THE 66TH MINUTE GIVING CHELSEA A LENGTHY ONE-MAN ADVANTAGE

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"[Manny] Ramirez was not above suspicion. After all, steroid guru Jose Canseco put the probability of Ramirez's using at 90 percent."

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



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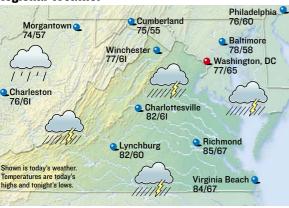
69° / 48°

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Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur. **Temperature** High Normal high 739 Normal low .

Precipitation

Average humidity

24 hours ending 4 p.m	1.43"
Month to date	3.17"
Normal month to date	0.80"
Year to date	12.39"
Last year to date	13.30"
Normal year to date	13.01"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, a shower, a thunderstorm. High 77. Wind west 7-14 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, rain, a thunderstorm. Low 65.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:02 a.m
Sunset tonight 8:07 p.m
Moonrise today 8:06 p.m
Moonset today 5:16 a.m







Today Hi/Lo/W Sat. Hi/Lo/W 84/67/t 85/65/t 68/54/t 76/53/pc

National Weather for Friday, May 8

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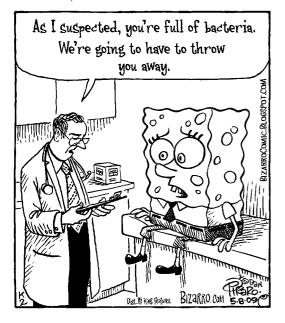
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"We're having leftovers again. Don't worry, I shaved off all the fuzzy parts. I'm going to knit you a sweater."

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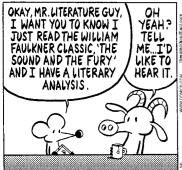


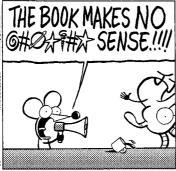


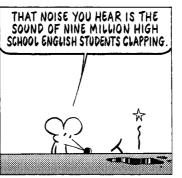




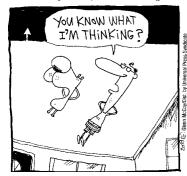
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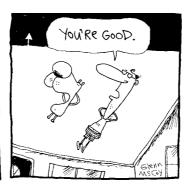




The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Things aren't likely to go as planned, though you can make personal adjustments that enable you to get things done regardless of surprises.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's no need to tell those in the front office everything you're doing - as long as what you're doing is part of the job.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things may get dicey for you as a result of trying too many things at one time. You can expect a long day to turn into a long night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You want to call the shots until all is said and done, and you'll be able to — even though things may change halfway through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't keep things from your friends, especially when it has to do with a cooperative effort. Be honest and straightforward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A personal issue is likely to rise to the surface, demanding attention. You can trust a loved one to give you the assistance you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Putting your best foot forward may be more difficult than expected if you haven't taken advantage of the tools available.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may not have had enough time to yourself lately. Be willing to claim an hour or so to tend to personal issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It may take you longer than usual to make a certain decision — as a result, in large part, of your loyalty to a newfound friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This is a good time to think over what has and hasn't been done. Putting all the pieces into place in your mind yields a valuable picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A slow morning gives way to a lively afternoon —and during evening hours the pace may be absolutely unbelievable. You have what it takes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) After several surprises over several days, today is likely to offer the greatest surprise of all — and you can benefit as a result.

Today in History

1945 President Truman announces address that Nazi Germany's forces have surrendered in World War II and that "the flags of freedom fly all over Europe."

Vice President Richard 1958 Nixon is shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

1970 Anti-war process and placeworldwide; in New York, construction workers break up a demonstration on Wall Street.

1973 Militant American Indians who'd held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrender.

David Berkowitz 1978 pleads guilty to murder, attempted murder and assault in connection with the "Son of Sam" shootings.

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Parisians celebrate Nazi Germany's surrender in World War II May 8, 1945.

male military school, graduates its first female cadet, Nancy Ruth Mace.

Sen. Barack Obama **ZUUO** gets a front-runner's welcome at the U.S. Capitol, where he is surrounded by well-wishers calling him "Mr. President" and reaching out to pat him on the back or shake his hand.



lookout people



Jon smacks himself to prove his anguish over rumors that he cheated.

Jon and Kate Plus Hate

"Jon & Kate Plus 8" star JON GOS-**SELIN** has denied cheating on his wife. "These allegations are false and just plain hurtful," Gosselin said Wednesday. Gosselin was speaking about tabloid reports that he had an affair with a schoolteacher with whom he's been photographed. (AP)

GUESTS

Ranting = High Ratings

MEL GIBSON will join Jay Leno during the final week of "The Tonight Show, which starts May 25, People. com reported. Other guests include Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Wanda Sykes, Sarah McLachlan, and Prince. (EXPRESS)

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BABY-SITTING

2 Women Better Than One

A survey of more than 10,000 moms by Parentdish.com shows that mothers would most trust their children with **ELLEN DEGENERES** and PORTIA DE ROSSI as baby sitters, Reuters reported. The couple beat Jennifer Aniston; Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt; and Oprah Winfrey. The Worst Celebrity Mom award went to Courtney Love: Dinah Lohan and Britney Spears were runners-up. (EXPRESS)

SERIOUS

If Violence Were Funny, **This Would Be Hilarious**

KIEFER SUTHERLAND

arrived at a New York City police precinct on Thursday for questioning about a fashion designer's claim that the actor head-butted him at a Manhattan nightclub. Sutherland could be charged with misdemeanor assault in a case that could create another major

legal hassle for the actor, who served 48 days in jail on a drunken-driving charge in California last year. The designer,

Jack McCollough, claims Sutherland attacked him after an argument, leaving him with a cut on his face. Detectives also may question actress Brooke Shields as a witness because she was at the trendy SoHo nightspot where the altercation took place. (AP)



Any store that sells rompers has deepseated neurotic issues, just like Allen.

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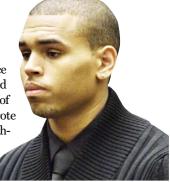
Urban Knitwear Brand Secretly Needs Therapy

The founder of a clothing company being sued by WOODY ALLEN denies the defense wanted to delve into the director's past. Dov Charney of American Apparel said Wednesday that Allen "is a source of inspiration." Allen sued the company after it used his picture in ads. Company lawyers have said Allen's image was already beyond repair. (AP)



Brown Attorney Seeks Police Records Before Hearing

CHRIS BROWN's attorney is seeking police records to try to find out who leaked information about the alleged beating of Rihanna. Attornev Mark Geragos wrote that he wants the documents to see whether he can discredit or attack the credibility of police witnesses during a hearing in early June. (AP)





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SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits I through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

6	5	1	7	8	9	2	4	3				6	4	5	1	3	2	7	8	9
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2	1	6	9	5	7	3	8	4	1			3	5	4	8	1	6	9	7	2
8	9	7	6	3	4	1	2	5				7	1	6	2	9	3	5	4	8
5	3	4	2	1	8	6	9	7				9	2	8	5	7	4	6	1	3
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Yesterday's Solution

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8	2	6	7	3	4	9	5	1
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4	7	9	8	6	2	5	1	3
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Fill in the boxes so each row. column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits I through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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